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had been referred to him by a mutual friend as one competent in many languages and who would be interested in employment with CIA. I have passed this to with the request that he explore the situation and let me know so that I can advise the Director in the next few days.

2. Gen. Cabell raised the question of the needed increase in the HTAUTOMAT personnel ceiling and recommended that the Director authorize this increase in ceiling, thereby raising the total Agency ceiling. After some discussion it was agreed that the reductions being made in AQUATONE could take care of this increase without raising the Agency ceiling and the Director instructed me to handle it in this way.

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3. Inasmuch as Chris Phillips is leaving the Civil Service Commission and is being replaced by Mr. Flanagan, now with GSA, I asked to check on Flanagan and to take this whole matter into consideration in connection with the trip the Civil Service Commission people are going to take on 5 January.

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4. At Bob Amory's request I reviewed the proposed regulation on the Agency Publications Board and also met with consistency position on this matter. I then advised Amory that (1) it was still my understanding that the functions of this Board were to be limited to intelligence publications and that regardless of what else happens, I would like to take this up with Gen. Cabell for further clarification, (2) because of the exceptions in the proposed regulations given to regulatory issuances of strictly administrative issuance, DD/S components could live with this regulation as now written, and (3) in my over-all responsibility for Agency regulations I thought this one was too long, detailed and procedural and it should be greatly shortened and simplified.

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5. I talked to about setting up some system whereby components levying reproduction requirements on his shop would be made more cost conscious and asked him to give me his ideas on this subject by 1 February.

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6. Also, at the Deputies' Meeting there was a discussion concerning the

Frank Wisner told the

Director that some of the allegations being made were not without some basis and that they were not new to us. Very diplomatically, I thought, Frank tried to tell the Director that one of the problems that he and the personnel in

IO Division had in trying to supervise this activity was its special relationship

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to the Director personally. The Director's resentment was fast and forthright. He told Frank that he would accept this but that no one had ever brought these matters to his attention before, and he made it quite clear that he expected that they would be brought to his attention in the future.

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